

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/902,517	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SEILHAMER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D.	<b>Art Unit</b> 1635	

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D.

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(2) Kate Murashige

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**Date of Interview:** 27 October 2004

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

*The rejection of claims 32, and 41-44 under 35 USC § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, for lack of sufficient written description was discussed.*

**Claims discussed:**

32, 41-44

**Prior art documents discussed:**

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*Applicants agreed to the proposed Examiner's amendment that would obviate the pending rejection of the instant claims under 35 USC § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph.*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kate Murashige on 10-27-04.

The application has been amended as follows:

32.(Currently Amended) Isolated antibodies useful for immunoassays to detect and which specifically bind human brain natriuretic peptide of the formula: Ser-Pro-Lys-Met-Val-Gln-Gly-Ser-Gly-Cys-Phe-Gly-Arg-Lys-Met-Asp-Arg-Ile-Ser-Ser-Ser-Ser-Gly-Leu-Gly-Cys-Lys-Val-Leu-Arg-Arg-His (SEQ ID NO: 49) ~~or a C-terminal amide thereof. (SEQ ID NO: 49).~~

43. (Currently Amended) A method to perform an immunoassay to detect human brain natriuretic peptide in a sample which method comprises contacting said sample with the antibodies of claim 32 and assessing the ability of said antibodies to immunoreact with ~~one or more components~~ any human brain natriuretic peptide contained in said sample.

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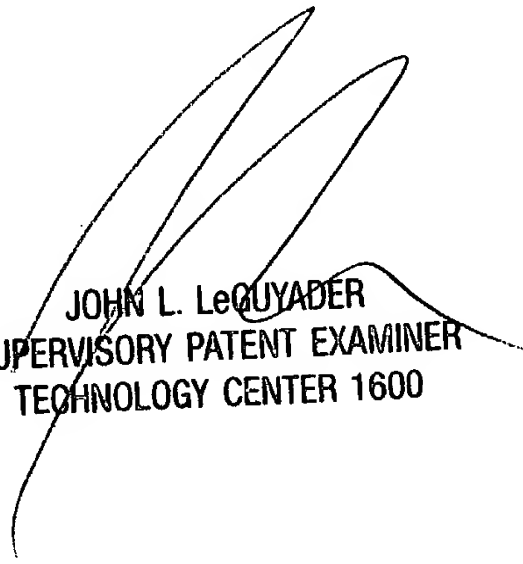
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0757. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday, Flex Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John L. LeGuyader can be reached on 571-272-0760. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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